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### SUBJECT

EFFORTS BY HAJ AMIN AL-HUSAYNI TO CHALLENGE AHMAD SHUQAYRI FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE PALESTINE MOVEMENT

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1. KING HUSAYN ANTICIPATES THAT HIS MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN THE COMING FEW MONTHS WILL BE THE PALESTINE ENTITY QUESTION. THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN HAS INFORMATION THAT HAJ AMIN AL-HUSAYNI IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH, AND HAS THE SUPPORT OF, THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT AL-HUSAYNI HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO PROMOTE HIS CAUSE. WITH THESE RESOURCES HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO SERIOUSLY CHALLENGE AHMAD SHUQAYRI FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE PALESTINE MOVEMENT. KING HUSAYN THINKS THE RESULT CAN ONLY BE BITTERNESS AND

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TURMOIL. IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PALESTINIANS WITHIN JORDAN, HUSAYN IS AFRAID THAT MUCH OF THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO WILL BE WAGED ON HIS OWN DOORSTEP.

2. HUSAYN CONSIDERS NEITHER SHUQAYRI NOR AL-HUSAYNI AS IDEAL LEADERS OF THE PALESTINE MOVEMENT, HOWEVER, OF THE TWO, HE FINDS SHUQAYRI MORE ACCEPTABLE. (FIELD COMMENT: A FAIRLY RELIABLE JORDANIAN SECURITY OFFICIAL STATES THAT, ON THE BASIS OF INTENSIVE SURVEILLANCE DURING SHUQAYRI'S VISITS TO JORDAN, THERE HAS BEEN A COMPLETE CHANGE IN SHUQAYRI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD KING HUSAYN SINCE THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE. PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE SHUQAYRI WAS HEARD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS TO ENGAGE IN STRONG ATTACKS ON THE KING. UNDER SIMILAR SITUATIONS SINCE THE CONFERENCE HE HAS SUPPORTED HUSAYN WITHOUT RESERVATIONS. THESE REPORTS, IN PART, EXPLAIN HUSAYN'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT SHUQAYRI AS A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT.)

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